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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: IRS PROBE INTO BAHAMAS

REF: NASSAU 1605

1. ABOVE SUBJECT HAS CONTINUED TO CAPTURE FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES WITH A NEW AND POTENTIALLY OMINOUS TWIST TODAY. AS REPORTED REFTEL, DEBATE IN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ON PROPOSAL INTRODUCED TO INVESTIGATE "PERSONS WHOSE BACKGROUNDS WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO RESIDE IN THE BAHAMAS" TURNED INTO SHOUTING MATCH, BOOK THROWING BY THE DEPRIMIN AND THREAT BY PRIMIN PINDLING PHYSICALLY TO TAKE ON INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM CLARENCE TOWN MICHAEL LIGHTBOURN. ONE IMPLICATION TOSSED INTO THE NEAR MELEE BY PINDLING WAS THAT LIGHTBOURN (WHOM PINDLING NOTED DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TEETH IN HIS MOUTH TO MATCH PINDLING'S FISTS) MIGHT SOMEHOW BE INVOLVED WITH THOSE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS TO IRS PROBE.

2. I THINK IT NOT UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL BE HEARING FROM THE GOVERNMENT ON THE REVELATION OF THE IRS INVESTIGATION IN THE BAHAMAS. THE ALLEGATION THAT IRS AGENT JAFFE OPERATED IN NASSAU AND FREEPORT, ESTABLISHING RING OF INFORMANTS, AND THAT THIS WAS KNOWN TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHICH ALLEGEDLY RAISED CONFIDENTIAL

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NO OBJECTION, LIKELY TO BE QUESTIONED AND PROTESTED BY GCOB.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE LITTLE INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY LEFT IN THE EMBASSY AND A SEARCH OF OUR FILES INDICATES LIMITED REFERENCE TO JAFFE EXTENDING BACK INTO LATE 1960S.

4. CAN DEPARTMENT UPDATE US ON MORE RECENT IRS INVOLVEMENT IN THE BAHAMAS? IN PARTICULAR, HAS JAFFE OR OTHER IRS AGENTS OPERATED HERE SINCE INDEPENDENCE? IF SO, WHAT WERE THE NATURE OF THOSE OPERATIONS? IN PARTICULAR, DID THEY INVOLVE ESTABLISHMENT OF RING OF INFORMANTS AND, IF SO, WHO WAS INCLUDED IN THAT RING, WHAT WERE THEIR NATIONALITIES AND OCCUPATIONS? FINALLY, WAS THERE ANY CONTACT WITH OR DISCUSSION WITH GCOB OFFICIALS ON THIS MATTER AND IF SO, WHEN AND WITH WHOM?

5. LONDON FOR MINISTER SPIERS: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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